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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, PREL, KS, KN, CH
SUBJECT: CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN KAL CASE

1. (C) IN A DECEMBER 10 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, FOREIGN
MINISTER CHOI

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EXPRESSED APPRECIATION
FOR OUR COOPERATION IN THE SEARCH FOR THE PLANE, WHICH IS
NOW THOUGHT TO HAVE EXPLODED OVER THE ANDAMAN SEA. HE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: SAMUEL V SMITH
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NOTED THAT THE SRUB HAD INDICATED THAT THE SEARCH CONTINUED
THE SEARCH.

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2. (U) ROK MEDIA MEANWHILE REPORTED THAT THE BAHRAINIS HAVE "AGREED IN PRINCIPLE" TO TURN OVER THE HACHIYAS TO THE ROKG AND THAT THEIR DEPARTURE FROM MANAMA FOR SEOUL MIGHT TAKE PLACE AS EARLY AS DECEMBER 11 IF "PROCEDURAL DETAILS" CAN BE WORKED OUT. THE BURMESE WERE SAID TO HAVE MOBILIZED 200 VESSELS AND 30 AIRCRAFT FOR THE ANDAMAN SEA SEARCH, THUSFAR WITHOUT RESULT. "US SATELLITES" REPORTEDLY WERE BEING USED IN THE SEARCH, AND A KAL OFFICIAL WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT US AIR FORCE PLANES ARE ALSO INVOLVED. FOLLOWING UP ON REPORTS YESTERDAY THAT "MAYUMI" MIGHT BE CHINESE, IT WAS NOW REPORTED THAT SHE CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN BORN IN NORTHEAST CHINA AND MIGHT BE EITHER CHINESE OR CHINESE-KOREAN. PROMINENT PLAY WAS GIVEN TO JAPANESE REPORTS THAT "SHINICHI" MIGHT HAVE BEEN A DPRK DIPLOMAT ASSIGNED AT ONE POINT TO THE NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY IN KUALA LUMPUR. ACCORDING TO WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, THE DPRK EMBASSY THERE ISSUED A PROMPT DENIAL OF THIS ALLEGATION.

3. (U) NORTH KOREAN MEDIA CONTINUED TO FULMINATE AGAINST WHAT WAS TERMED A ROK "SMEAR CAMPAIGN" OVER THE KAL INCIDENT. THE ROKG'S EXTRADITION REQUEST FOR THE "JAPANESE WOMAN" WAS DENOUNCED AS A SUBTERFUGE TO GET HER BACK TO SEOUL WHERE SHE COULD BE TORTURED INTO A "FALSE CONFESSION" IMPLICATING THE NORTH. NOT SURPRISINGLY, WE HAVE SEEN NO REFERENCE TO THE ALLEGATION THAT SHE MIGHT BE

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CHINESE OR CHINESE-KOREAN. LILLEY##

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